## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

ANDREW BLAIR BAILIE,

Plaintiff,

v.

THE PARTNERSHIPS AND UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS IDENTIFIED ON SCHEDULE "A",

Defendants.

Case No. 1:24-cv-02150

Judge Joan B. Gottschall

Magistrate Judge Heather K. McShain

## ORDER FOR LEAVE TO CONDUCT EXPEDITED DISCOVERY AND SERVICE OF PROCESS BY E-MAIL AND/OR ELECTRONIC PUBLICATION

Plaintiff, ANDREW BLAIR BAILIE ("Bailie" or "Plaintiff"), filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for Entry of an Order for leave to conduct Expedited Discovery and Service of Process by Email and/or Electronic Publication (the "Motion") against the fully interactive, e-commerce store operating under the seller alias "QiuLuZhenLiShaoJieMeiShuGongYiPinJingYingBu" identified in Amended Schedule A to the Complaint and attached hereto ("Defendant") and using at least the online marketplace account identified in Amended Schedule A (the "Defendant Internet Store"). After reviewing the Motion and the accompanying record, this Court GRANTS Plaintiff's Motion in part as follows.

This Court finds, in the absence of adversarial presentation, that it has personal jurisdiction over the Defendant because Defendant directly targets its business activities toward consumers in the United States, including Illinois. Specifically, Plaintiff has provided a basis to conclude that Defendant has targeted sales to Illinois residents by setting up and operating at least one e-commerce store that targets United States consumers using one or more seller aliases, offers shipping to the United States, including Illinois, and has sold products using infringing versions

of U.S Copyright Registration No. VA 2-359-243 (the "Blair Bailie Work") to residents of Illinois. This Court also finds that issuing this Order without notice pursuant to Rule 26(d)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure is appropriate because Plaintiff has presented specific facts in support of the Motion clearly showing that Plaintiff will be otherwise unable to properly serve Defendant without the requested leave. Specifically, an *ex parte* Order for discovery of Defendant's financial accounts and email addresses is necessary so that Defendant can be served with notice to conserve judicial resources and proceed to the merits of this case. Accordingly, this Court orders that::

- 1. Upon Plaintiff's request, any third party with actual notice of this Order who is providing services for the Defendant, or in connection with the Defendant Internet Store, including, without limitation, any online marketplace platforms such as Amazon Payments, Inc. ("Amazon") (the "Third Party Provider"), shall, within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of such notice, provide to Plaintiff expedited discovery, limited to copies of documents and records in such person's or entity's possession or control sufficient to determine:
  - a. the identities and locations of Defendant, its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation with them, including all known contact information and all associated e-mail addresses;
  - b. Defendant's financial accounts, including operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services, and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying information associated with the Defendant Internet Store and Defendant's financial accounts, including Defendant's sales and listing history related to the Defendant Internet Store and
  - c. any financial accounts owned or controlled by Defendant, including its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and any persons acting in active concert or participation

with them, including such accounts residing with or under the control of any banks, savings and loan associations, payment processors or other financial institutions, including, without limitation, Amazon, or other merchant account providers, payment providers, third party processors, and credit card associations (e.g., MasterCard and VISA).

- 2. Defendant, within fourteen (14) days after receiving notice of this Order, shall serve upon Plaintiff a written report under oath providing:
  - a. the identity and location, including contact information, its true name and physical address, and all associated e-mail addresses, of Defendant; and
  - b. the nature of Defendant's operations and all associated sales, methods of payment for services and financial information, including, without limitation, identifying information associated with the Defendant Internet Store, and Defendant's financial accounts, as well as providing a full accounting of Defendant's sales and listing history.
- 3. Plaintiff may provide notice of the proceedings in this case to Defendant, including notice of this order, any hearings, and any future motions, by electronically publishing a link to the Complaint, this Order, and other relevant documents on a website or by sending an email with a link to said website to the e-mail addresses provided for Defendant by third parties.
- 4. The Defendant subject to this Order may appear and move to dissolve or modify the Order as permitted by and in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the

Northern District of Illinois Local Rules. Any third party impacted by this Order may move for appropriate relief.

Dated: May 28, 2024 /s/ Joan B. Gottschall

United States District Judge

## **Amended Schedule A**

No.	Defendant
1	QiuLuZhenLiShaoJieMeiShuGongYiPinJingYingBu